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DIARY NOTES

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1. Gates and I lunched with [REDACTED] to talk about planning problems. It was agreed that Jess would make a presentation to our office heads; the date was tentatively set for Wednesday, 4 April 1956.

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2. [REDACTED] requested that he not be required to extend his Finance personnel in [REDACTED] and outlined for me a very complete overlap program. It sounded to me as though he had made adequate provision to insure that there would be no loss to efficiency in the Finance section at [REDACTED]. Les feels very strongly that our Finance personnel [REDACTED] are not up to par and that we should replace them without delay. I asked him to give me a brief memorandum on this tomorrow morning.

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3. General Cabell had asked me to get a casual reading on the [REDACTED] program in order to advise him as to whether there was any urgency in acting on [REDACTED] recommendation that we turn this installation over to [REDACTED]. Talked to [REDACTED] the latter is to check tomorrow. However, it is his firm opinion that the [REDACTED] will be just as happy to get this installation a year from now as they will be to get it now.

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4. Mr. Dulles and I met with Mr. Floete to discuss the GSA/CIA Agreement and related problems in connection with the new headquarters building. (See Memorandum for the Record.)

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5. Met with [REDACTED] to discuss the career agent problem. Had asked them to develop a staff study for my signature to Frank Wisner making positive recommendations as to how we could best induce these people to remain career agents and to make specific recommendations for an educational program to educate people in the Division as well as in the field.

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6. Spoke to the Director about the [REDACTED] Meeting on 21 April. He agrees to our suggested program, including lunch at [REDACTED]

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7. [REDACTED] is going to need an increase in his table of organization involving approximately 20 additional military positions and 46 to 50 civilians. He is to make a date with the Director tomorrow at which time we will discuss the matter.

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9. Dick stated that he thinks there may be some duplication between his Project and the [REDACTED] Division, particularly in the [REDACTED] Program. He suggested that I might like to discuss this with the [REDACTED] Division which I shall do. 25X1A8a

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[REDACTED] told him I thought we should definitely have answers to this question when we went to the Bureau of the Budget for money this Fall. He agreed but suggested that we would not have to open the subject at this particular time. I told him I did not think that this was necessary and said that tentatively we agreed to open this subject in June.

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11. Met with Messrs. Saunders, [REDACTED] to discuss the [REDACTED] case. It was finally decided that Mr. [REDACTED] could not continue in the Finance Division and that he should be reprimanded and told that at most he was guilty of misappropriation of Government funds and at least guilty of careless or negligent handling of Government funds. I stated that in either case we could not have him handling money and that I would object to his being assigned anywhere in the Agency for the foreseeable future where his duties involved such responsibility. He is to be offered a position in the Budget Division and if he wants to find a job elsewhere in the Agency he will be allowed to do this with the understanding that we will have to tell the gaining component of this recent unfortunate incident. He is also to be encouraged to resign. 25X1A9a

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